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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER EXPULSION OF NDP MEMBER

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SUMMARY: ON OCTOBER 8, NDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOMAN, KIM OK-SON, REPORTEDLY INTIMATED ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR THAT CERTAIN ACTIONS OF PAK GOVERNMENT WERE AKIN TO THOSE PRACTICED BY DICTATORSHIPS. CALLING THIS SPEECH "PROFITABLE TO ENEMY", DRP AND YUCHONGHOE VOTED IN LATE NIGHT PARTY CAUCUS TO BRING EXPULSION PROCEEDINGS TO FLOOR FOR VOTE PROBABLY IN NEXT FIVE DAYS. END SUMMARY.

1. OPPOSITION PARTY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOMAN, KIM OK-SON, KNOWN FOR HER FORTHRIGHTNESS AND HER WEARING OF CONVENTIONAL MALE DRESS, INTERRUPTED INTERPELLATION PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 9 BY IMPLYING IN REMARKS ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR THAT SO-CALLED PRO-ROKG NATIONAL SECURITY DEMONSTRATIONS BY KOREAN POLULACE AT YOIDO PLAZA AND OTHER SITES WERE NOT EXACTLY SPONTANEOUS. ACCORDING TO ASSEMBLY
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OBSERVERS, SHE FURTHER NOTED THIS TYPE OF ARTIFICIAL SUPPORT

OF GOVERNMENT POLICY WAS SIMILAR TO THAT PRACTICED BY
DICTATORSHIPS.

2. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, RULING DRP AND YUCHONGHOE LEGISLATORS
ROSE TO THEIR FEET "SHOUTING AND PROTESTING" KIM'S REMARKS.
FOLLOWING CAUCUS OF DRP AND YUCHONGHOE LEADERSHIP, RULING
PARTY SPOKESMEN DECLARED THAT KIM OK-SON WOULD BE CONSIDERED
FOR EXPULSION FOR REMARKS WHICH ALLEGEDLY WERE PROFITABLE
TO ENEMY AND DETRIMENTAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY.
ACCORDING TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, EXPULSION MUST BE
DECIDED BY TWO/THIRDS VOTE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN PRESENT
WITHIN NEXT FIVE DAYS. REQUEST FOR KIM'S EXPULSION HAS
NOW BEEN TURNED OVER TO ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WHERE
IT WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN ON OCTOBER 10 FOLLOWING KOREAN
HANGKUL (ALPHABET) HOLIDAY.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, NDP RESOLVED AT CAUCUS MEETING
OCTOBER 9 THAT ALL PARTY MEMBERS PLANNED TO "SHARE
(ASSEMBLYMAN KIM'S) FATE." NDP ALSO SCHEDULED OCTOBER
10 MEETING FOR STRATEGY SESSION. SPOKESMEN FOR OPPOSITION
FURTHER NOTE THAT REMARKS SUCH AS THOSE KIM ALLEGEDLY MADE
ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR ARE ORDINARILY PRIVILEGED.

4. COMMENT: WHILE MS. KIM HAS PROVIDED SOME EXCITEMENT
IN WHAT HAS OTHERWISE BEEN VERY DESULTORY SESSION. SEASONED
ASSEMBLY OBSERVERS SEE LITTLE CHANCE THAT KIM WILL ACTUALLY
BE EXPELLED. WHATEVER ACTION ASSEMBLY DECIDES UPON WILL BE
TAKEN AFTER TEMPER HAS COOLED, PRESUMABLY ON FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 11 OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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